CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100 Palm Desert, CA 92260

Public Notice 7-15-43 December 7, 2015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR

SPECIAL BOARD ORDER R7-2016-0010 AMENDING BOARD ORDER R7-2015-0008

A CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES AND DISCHARGES OF WASTES FROM DRAIN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE IMPERIAL VALLEY IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared a Special Board Order R7-2016-0010 that amends the time schedule contained in the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Wastes from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities within the Imperial Valley, Board Order No. R7-2015-0008 (Imperial Valley Agricultural Waiver). If the Imperial Valley Agricultural Waiver is amended as recommended by staff, it will provide the Imperial Irrigation District-Imperial County Farm Bureau Coalition an additional 6 months to submit its proposed Compliance Program plan to comply with the Waiver The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the Special Board Order during its regularly scheduled Public meeting that will commence at the time and place indicated below:

Date: January 14, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Colorado River Basin Region Board Room

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Palm Desert, CA 92260

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding this Special Board Order during a thirty-day public comment period, which begins December 7, 2015, and ends January 7, 2016. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the Special Board Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than January 7, 2016. The Colorado River Basin Water Board has implemented an electronic records management system to reduce paper consumption and improve overall accessibility to records and documents. To submit comments electronically, please convert the signed original documents to Portable Document Format (PDF) and submit via email to RB7-coloradoriver@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or USB and mailed to:

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Written comments may also be faxed to the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at (760) 341-6820.

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Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the Public Hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to assure accuracy of the record.

A copy of the proposed Special Board Order and Board Order No. R7-2015-0008 may be obtained from the Regional Board Office or via the Internet at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board decisions/adopted orders

Please contact Logan Raub at (760) 776-8966 for any questions regarding this matter. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in this Public Hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 346-7491 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled public hearing.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.